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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

An Election/Restriction requirement set forth in an Office Action dated November 23, 2004, identifies the following two (2) groups among pending claims 40-77.

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Group I, claims 40-59 and 67-77, drawn to a trawl.

Group II, claims 60-66, drawn to a thread and a trawl with the aforementioned thread.

In response to the Election/Restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated November 23, 2004, Applicants without prejudice hereby:

- 1. elect the invention encompassed by claims 40-59 and 67-77, drawn to a trawl; and
- withdraw from consideration claims 60-66, drawn to a thread and a trawl with the aforementioned thread.

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b), due to the withdrawal from consideration of claims 60-66 by this response as set forth above, Applicants hereby:

- 1. request amendment of this application's inventorship by removing therefrom Valentin G. Perevoshchikov; and
- 2. acknowledge that inventions of Valentin G. Perevoshchikov disclosed in this patent application are not encompassed by elected claims 40-59 and 67-77, drawn to a trawl.

Because in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b) the present application is being amended to remove Valentin G. Perevoshchikov as an inventor thereof, a check in the amount of \$ 130.00 in

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payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) accompanies this response. If any additional fee is due, the Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0735. A duplicate copy of this response is enclosed herewith.

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